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## "REFORM"

Administration Stages a Mystery in  
the Turndown of Contractors' Bids.

Judge Huston Quin to be Drafted  
From Bench to Bolster Ma-  
chine Cause

Board of Safety and Chief Petty  
Have Grown Weary of Ex-  
planations.

NEAR MAYOR AND ASSESSMENTS

There's another mystery at the City Hall, which will have to take rank with the many murders and other unsolved mysteries laid at the door of the Mayor's Police Department. This mystery though is a three-cornered one and the key lies between the Mayor's office, the Board of Works, the Board of Councilmen and some of our leading contractors. Recently the Board of Works advertised for bids for street construction and reconstruction, the mystery there being why this wasn't done before as the world knows Louisville's streets and byways are in the worst condition possible. But that is not the real mystery in this case, as the story will show. When the contractors' bids came in near Mayor Smith let out one of his bombastic roars, which we have become used to, knowing they will have no effect on the sequel. Smith said that the bids were "outrageously high" and the city wouldn't stand for being gouged, etc. He further said that when necessity required he went about with patched trousers and clothes, but didn't explain what connection his patched pants had with our dilapidated streets. Anyone not knowing near Mayor Smith's past performances would say that meant good-night for the contractors. That's the end of the first chapter and then the plot begins to thicken, as the novelists say.

Within three days from the near Mayor's vituperative protest the Board of Works holds a secret session with near Mayor Smith present and at its close announces the award of the work as originally bid, and Smith approved the awards at the prices which he denounced three days previous. Now we run into another mysterious phase of the case. The Board of Works, following the usual procedure, submitted the result of their awards and near Mayor Smith's O. K. to the Board of Councilmen for approval Tuesday night. Then came a secret session of the Contract Committee and the council members, and by the way this "reform" administration just does on secret sessions. Every little conference is made a secret session, and the citizens kept from knowing anything of their own affairs. Following the secret conclave it was announced that all bids and awards were thrown out and the action of near Mayor Smith and Board of Works repudiated. All of the Councilmen at first refused to tell the reason for their action, but Councilman Nick Denunzio told a reliable citizen Wednesday that the bids were rejected because they were too high, and they were high because a prominent Republican told the contractors to bid high. Now there's a suspicion of the man who was the man that told the contractors to bid high, and what was he to get if the contractors did bid high as requested? Councilman Denunzio charges that the case and Smith and the Board of Works owe it to the public to investigate or at least make a statement.

That the Hertz-Searcy-Chilton machine realizes that the good people of Louisville are against it is shown by the latest move. Knowing that the ministers and church workers are active in their opposition to the Republican local ticket, Tobie, Ches and Matt have decided to nominate a candidate for Mayor that will appease the ministers and prove a good camouflage for the material to be tacked on behind the head of the ticket. To this end Judge Huston Quin, of the Court of Appeals, who was elected by the people of this district in 1918 to serve a term of six years, will be asked by the machine leaders to step off the bench and take up the task of making a fight to keep the machine in power for four years more. Repudiated by the people of Kentucky at the last election, the machine expects that the office-holders and an enormous negro vote will save Louisville at least for its purposes. It is said that Judge Quin is bitterly opposed to leaving the Court of Appeals bench, knowing that he would receive the title of Chief Justice before the end of his term. In addition Judge Quin knows what an awful job it will be to face crowds of people and try to defend the Smith administration with the high tax rate, the Keystone police, the "hick" firemen and the dirty and broken streets.

What an awful nightmare that must be for Judge Quin or any other prospective Republican nominee to think that he or she would have to explain or apologize for the present "reform" administration. The Hertz-Searcy-Chilton machine leaders argue that they don't care who heads the ticket as long as they can name his subordinates and the General Council to the him hand and foot. As for instance, can anyone name a measure supported by near Mayor Smith and not to the liking of the machine that was not defeated.

Smith was reversed on the street car question, the gas rates, the phone raise, the Captain Bennett case and numerous others. To show its contempt for near Mayor Smith the present political assessment case is an example. In December, 1917, in company with Messrs. Lewis Y. Johnson and M. H. Thatcher, of the Board of Safety, he made a tour of the engine houses, the first place visited being the fire house at Frankfort and Pope streets. There Smith said no policeman, fireman or city employe should ever be assessed for political purposes. How the Hertz-Searcy-Chilton machine has regarded that pledge is known to all, including Smith. Right today the machine is collecting over an average of forty dollars from policemen, firemen and city employes, and Smith and the Board of Safety members are not denying the holdup, a violation of their pledge.

As for the Board of Safety and Chief of Police Petty, many believe they have grown weary of trying to explain the antics of the Keystone comedy cops and the failure of the fire department to avoid the half million fire loss in the past three months. The first year of the present "reform" administration Chief Petty and the Board would try to explain when the drunken Keystoneers went on a rampage, and all remember what a long and lengthy explanation was given by Johnson for the Board of Safety when a Keystone police sergeant blackmailed an army lieutenant caught with women in a resort on West Broadway. Johnson said that he withheld the soldier's name for patriotic reasons, it leaking out later that the soldier in question was a son of Capt. Hulbein, a prominent Republican leader. But they don't even try to explain any more. Recently Sergeant Boyle and Lieut. Conklin fought all over Central Police Station. No explanation. Chief Petty's chauffeur, Pat, accused of being drunk and having a collision with a citizen's auto. No report. This past week Keystone Lieutenant dragged out of a house of ill-fame on Second street. No report or explanation.

At Eighteenth and Broadway recently a Keystone cop full of "white mule" does a juggling act with overcoat, cap and club in middle of street, much to the edification and joy of a big audience. Sergeant comes on scene and drunken cop wouldn't allow him to use phone for warrant. No official report made. Robbery after robbery and holdups occurring every night and few are ever published in Police Bulletin. The only robberies made public are those when the victim complains or an enterprising reporter finds them up. And the second week Smith and Chief Petty were in office they issued an official statement in which they said "news suppression was a thing of the past," Chief Petty saying that police reporters could see every report that came in, while the near Mayor said he felt like he was the President of a big corporation and the residents were stockholders, entitled to know everything. Judging from occurrences of the past two years the residents must have been frozen out of the corporation. Here's one Keystone that believes in publicity, however. Two Y. M. C. A. runners were trotting for a long distance contest when they were captured by a Keystone policeman and taken to the nearest drug store, both of the athletes wondering as to the cause of their arrest. The Keystone called headquarters and said: "Cap, I just kitched two suspicious looking fellers running up the street in their drawers, and they said they sociated, but they can't fool me. I think they're goldened burglars." The Captain must have been "next" as he ordered their release, but the Keystone did so grudgingly, and muttered he'd be goldened if he over heard of Christians running around like crazy snoots in their drawers, at least they didn't do things like that at Hogwallow Gulch where he came from to take a job as town constable.

### HAPPILY WEDDED.

A marriage of much interest was consummated Wednesday afternoon at St. Mary Magdalene church, when Miss Gertrude E. Schaefer, the accomplished and popular daughter of Mrs. Stephen J. Schaefer, became the bride of William J. Lippa. The ceremony was witnessed by near relatives and friends, who were present in numbers to tender congratulations.

### ELEVENTH WARD CLUB.

The Eleventh Ward Democratic Club will hold its regular meeting next Friday evening. Newly elected officers are J. E. Bartley, President; Mrs. J. C. Finnegan, Vice President; Roy O'Leary, Secretary; Nolan Fallahy, Treasurer; Wm. O'Mara, Sergeant-at-Arms.

### PLAN \$1,000,000 CLUB.

The Knights of Columbus of Minneapolis intend to begin early next year the erection of a fourteen-story building for the local councils and for general use. An estimated building will cost \$1,250,000.

### POPE GREET'S TARS.

Pope Benedict on Monday received a group of American sailors from the United States cruiser Pittsburgh. The men were presented by Chaplain Edward A. Duff of the ship.

### BASEBALL OPENING.

The baseball season will officially open next Wednesday, all league games starting on that day, including the American Association. Louisville will open the season with Roger Bresnahan's Toledo aggregation, who are under the management of Bill Clymer, and as the Colonels like to beat Clymer, just as well as he enjoys beating Louisville, a battle royal will be staged.



Republican "reform" administration machine stages holdup, with no protest from Smith, though publicly pledged against political assessments.

## Senator McCormick Approves Relief for Suffering in Ireland



Senator Medill McCormick, of Illinois, is one of the distinguished Americans who have accepted vice-chairmanships of the American Committee for Relief in Ireland, now conducting a drive to raise \$10,240,000 to feed, clothe and shelter the unfortunate children and women in Ireland, many of whom are on the verge of starvation and without roofs over their heads. The campaign and the distribution of relief are along entirely non-partisan and non-political lines. Among the other vice-chairmen are Governors Edwards, New Jersey; Morrow, Kentucky; and Shoup, Colorado; Henry Morgenthau, Bernard M. Baruch, James Addams; Charles G. Dawes; Cardinal Gibbons; David Starr Jordan; Charles Nagel; and Joseph Daniels. Contributions should be sent to local treasurers to John J. Fallahy, 1 West 34th Street, New York City.

### X. M. I.

A big joint initiation of new members under the auspices of Mackin and Trinity Councils will take place tomorrow at Trinity Council Hall, the work beginning at 1:30 o'clock. Lunch will be served immediately following the conferring of the degrees. A fitting programme has been arranged and will introduce a number of good speakers and musical entertainers. The class is said to be the largest ever received into the Y. M. I. in Louisville.

### PUPILS TO ENTERTAIN.

Next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock the pupils of St. Cecilia's parochial school will give an entertainment for their parents and friends, for which an excellent programme has been arranged. The little folks should be greeted by a large audience.

### PRAYER FOR APRIL.

His Holiness, Pope Benedict XV, has recommended "The Suppression of Modern Paganism" to the Apostleship of Prayer as the general intention for the month of April. Every person, who is at all observant, must realize that the people at large are being demoralized by the mad pursuit of worldly goods and pleasures. Let us heed the recommendation of His Holiness, and during the coming month let us pray earnestly for the suppression of modern paganism.

### IRISH RELIEF DRIVE.

The drive for funds for the relief of the distressed in Ireland, inaugurated on St. Patrick's day, has been extended to the latter part of April, and contributions from remote parts of this and adjoining counties are still coming in. This fact prevents the Rev. John O'Connor, the Treasurer, from making a final report, which will appear at the proper time. The grand total, up to the present, is between \$20,000 and \$25,000. This amount is far in excess of Louisville's quota and nearly double that which the most sanguine friends of the movement hoped to get. The phenomenal success of the drive can be attributed to the generosity of the people of this diocese and the surrounding country, the excellent planning of Chairman Owen Sullivan and the tireless, never-to-be-disheartened team work of Rev. James P. Cronin, V. G., Rev. John O'Connor, Rev. Patrick Walsh and the many lay people who tried to outdo the others in their respective communities. And then the double that which the very essence of charity—appealed to all. From now on, if other cities throughout the country will do but half as well as Louisville, no little Irish orphan will go hungry and many a poor widow whose husband was murdered by the Black and Tan brutes (they can't be called humans) will be helped in her sore distress. Millions are needed and needed at once to accomplish this grand work of mercy, and the American people are responding most nobly.

The long list of donors, which we published last week, and to which others are here added, will show that Louisville still retains its standing for generosity.

Additional church and individual subscriptions received by Rev. Father O'Connor this week were as follows:

St. Charles Borromeo, \$521.31; St. Mary Magdalene, \$28; Flaherty, \$21; Clarkson, additional, \$19.32; Division No. 4, A. O. H., \$130; J. Lincoln, \$60; Rev. H. W. Jansen, \$10; John McManus, \$10; Mrs. E. T. Ellison, Glasgow, \$10; Semolin & Goodman, \$5; C. B. Thompson & Co., \$5; D. W. Voss, \$2; Mrs. Jas. Riggle, Audubon, \$1.

Brother Benjamin, of St. Xavier's College, has informed Chairman O'Connor Sullivan that he is arranging a concert for the benefit of the Irish relief fund. The date will be announced later, and will be looked forward to with much interest.

Next Friday night the St. X. symposium classes will give an exhibition for the benefit of the relief fund. The boys will be seen in their usual good form and a night's entertainment is assured.

### MEN'S MISSION BEGINS.

The women's mission at St. Louis Bertrand's church will close tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock with sermon, rosary and Pater noster. The men's mission will begin at 7:30 o'clock in the evening, week day mission masses to be at 8 and 9 o'clock. Very Rev. J. R. Fanning and Rev. J. R. Cahill are conducting the exercises.

### GENERAL MEETING.

Monday night at the Knights of Columbus Hall the first general meeting for the organization of the Fourth of July picnic for the orphans will be held. These meetings will be held every Monday night until the date for the celebration, and all friends of the orphans and the Catholic Orphan Society, whose work is well known throughout the Louisville diocese.

### CHRIST ARISEN.

We adore at the Christmas-feast the birth of the Christ child and welcome Him with music and song and gifts and from the faithful, prayers and adoration. At Easter we worship the Christ arisen. He who was crucified that we might realize the perfect beauty of a future life when we have arisen from the sordid earthly existence. Nature brings her renewing warmth and beauty of spring to make the welcoming of Christ's rebirth one of perfect joy. Flowers, music and the melody of soft winds and the odor of incense and fragrant blossoms attend to Him. Around this time of joy many quaint customs have centered. The Easter rabbit has gained a place in childish hearts and the numerous colored eggs he is supposed to place on the Easter market are famous and in demand. Gifts are made on this day of the Resurrection and feasts are made. As at Christmas, children who have left the old home to establish one of their own return to the old home for the happiness of Easter. There is an "egg roll" on the lawn for the children and music and laughter for the grown-ups. Through all though, there is no lapse in the glad service rendered to One who died to save us.

### CHURCH AND LABOR.

Common sense and the best of judgment are necessary in order that there be fewer clashes between capital and labor. If we consider the advice of the Church we shall find both these necessary qualifications. We shall gather suggestion which, if accepted, will go a long way to overcome industrial disturbance and bring us back to that peace which is so desirable at the present moment.

The position of the Church is well set forth in the Encyclical of the late Pope Leo XIII, written in 1891. As our own Bishops say: "The document shows the insight of that great Pontiff into the industrial conditions of the time and his wisdom in pointing out the principles needed for the solving of economic problems."

The Church insists on the right of labor to organize. Our own hierarchy tells us there are two rights, one of employees and the other of employers, and the violation of which contributes largely to the existing unrest and suffering. "The first right," say the Bishops, "is of the workers to form and maintain the kind of organization that is necessary and that will be most effective in securing their welfare. The second is the right of employers to the faithful observance of the labor unions of all contracts and agreements. . . . A dispute that can not be adjusted by direct negotiation between the parties concerned should always be submitted to arbitration. Neither employer nor employee may reasonably reject this method on the ground that it does not bring about perfect justice. . . . Like the law court the tribunal of industrial arbitration provides the nearest approximation to justice that is practically attainable."

To assure peace and at least a modicum of contentment labor must have a living wage; but that never can be secured by the revolutionary tactics of socialism or the radicalism so rampant in various sections nowadays. Catholic workmen should beware of the extremist. As a general thing he is ill informed. He works mostly with his tongue. He is in the class which insists that the world owes him a living, and he attempts to secure it without ever considering the biblical injunction that man must live by the sweat of his face. "Twere well for Catholic workmen to hearken to the voice of their leaders. They seldom make mistakes. They are men of prudence; they never jump at conclusions; their decisions almost invariably are right."

### COMMEND THE KNIGHTS.

The Knights of Columbus were congratulated by Vice President Coolidge on their educational and hospitalization work and thanked by Secretary Hoover for their support in his European relief work in addresses at a meeting at the Board of Directors in Washington last Saturday.

### NEW ALBANY.

Unity Council, Y. M. I., of New Albany, had a banner day last Sunday, when nearly 100 members were received into that live and progressive Catholic organization. The members and candidates attended mass at St. Mary's church, and following the initiatory ceremonies at the club house an elaborate banquet was served at Holy Trinity Hall, featured by a number of happy and eloquent responses to toasts.

### LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

This week Mayor Smith appointed three members of the Board of Trustees of the Louisville Public Library. They are the Rev. George W. Schuhmann, pastor of St. John's church, who was reappointed a member of the board for a term of four years, and Messrs. George J. Stoll and Henry B. Heyburn.

### PARKLAND DEMOCRATS.

Enthusiasm for the local Democratic ticket this fall is running high and the Parkland Democratic Club has been organized to meet weekly. The officers are Thomas Grimes, President; Miss M. Speckmann, Secretary; H. E. Speckmann, Treasurer.

### CATHOLIC INDIANS.

There are 50,000 Indians wholly untouched by mission work; 200,000 are still in error; only 100,000 are Catholics.

## IRISH CAUSE

Great Forward Step Looking Toward  
Its Advancement Made at  
Lexington.

Kentucky Directorate Meets and  
Plans for Organizing Entire  
State.

American Association for Recognition  
of Irish Republic Has  
Eighteen Councils.

DELEGATES FROM KENTUCKY.

A great forward step looking toward the advancement of the Irish cause throughout the State of Kentucky was accomplished at the regular meeting of the State Directorate of the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic, held last Saturday at the office of Martin T. Kelly, State President of the A. A. R. I. R., in the Fayette Bank building, Lexington.

Martin T. Kelly, State President, of Lexington; Mrs. Mary E. Corcoran; State Treasurer, of Louisville; William J. Higgins, State Secretary, of Newport; and State Directors, John J. Tierman, of Newport; Richard Tobin, of Frankfort; Thomas Conroy, of Covington; Joseph Cassidy, of Bellevue; P. J. Leonard, of Winchester; Fred J. Schmitz, of Latonia; Miss Nora E. Cooper, of Nicholasville, and Mrs. Nora Donnelly, of Danville, were present.

It was learned that eighteen councils of the A. A. R. I. R. had been formed in Kentucky, in the following cities: Newport, George Washington; Covington, Abraham Lincoln; Bellevue, Phil Sheridan; Lexington, LaFayette; Louisville, Robert Emmet; Danville, Theodore O'Hara; Paris, Commodore Barry; Paducah, Nicholasville, Bennett; H. Allen; Winchester, General Clarke; Richmond, McCreary Council; Frankfort, not named; Florence, Daniel Boone; Lebanon, not named; Somerset, not named; Lawrenceburg, not named; Ashland, not named; Nicholasville, Bennett; Young. Plans for organizing the State of Kentucky were thoroughly discussed, and a campaign was mapped out whereby it was expected to increase many times the number of councils and membership in the State.

The question of State delegates to the national convention of the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic, to be held at Medinah Temple, Chicago, was also discussed at length and over fifty delegates from Kentucky will be on hand at this convention on April 18 and 19. Reduced railroad rates will be given to all delegates and dependent members of their families, and owing to the large number expected to be on hand, the Kentucky delegation expects to charter a special coach to make the journey to Chicago.

The finances of the organization were found to be in excellent shape, with all national dues paid and a substantial sum left in the treasury, which will be greatly augmented when the various councils send in their full quotas.

The meeting occupied over three hours continuous session, adjournment being held at the out-of-town delegates a chance to take the evening train to their homes.

The regular monthly meeting of Robert Emmet Council will be held at Holy Rosary Hall next Tuesday night, when Miss Mary Corcoran will give a detailed report of the meeting at Lexington. Rev. John O'Connor, the President, will have important information to impart, and this should draw a large attendance. All friends of the Irish Republic will be welcome at this meeting.

### IMPORTANT STATEMENT.

Frank P. Walsh, counsel for the Republic of Ireland, 420 Southern building, Washington, this week issued the following statement, which deserves the prompt response: "In order to have a most effective possible protest should be made to the American Government with regard to the criminal acts of terrorism committed by the British forces in Ireland it is of the greatest importance that all persons in the United States who have relatives who have been murdered, wounded or imprisoned by the British forces in Ireland, or whose property has been destroyed by the British forces, it is particularly appropriate that such Americans who have a direct personal interest in the results of British atrocities in Ireland should voice their protest to the President of the United States and to Congress. It is therefore requested that all who have relatives who have been victims of British barbarism, or who have suffered destruction of property, or who know of such persons, should communicate with me at once, giving names and addresses and a brief statement of the circumstances under which loss of relatives or property was suffered."

### CARDINAL DOUGHERTY.

Cardinal Dougherty will sail today from Chabourg, France, and is expected to reach New York about April 16. Philadelphians of many different religious beliefs are planning a great demonstration in his honor on his arrival in that city.